

I may come near loving you  
When you are dead  
And there is nothing to do  
And much to be said.

To repent that I will be  
~~far out of your reach~~  
Impossible is  
For you, & vain for me  
The truth to tell.

I shall be sorry for  
Your impotence:  
You can do & undo no more  
When you go hence,

Cannot even forgive  
The funeral:  
But not so long as you live  
Can I love you at all.